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SUBJ: VISIT OF IRAQI LEADER SADDAM HUSSEIN TO ALGIERS

1. SUMMARY. SADDAM'S FOUR-DAY VISIT TO ALGIERS OCCURRED AT IRAQI INITIATIVE. DURING FIVE AND A HALF HOURS OF PRIVATE TALKS. BOUMEDIENE AND SADDAM EXCHANGED VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST, KURDISH AND GULF PROBLEMS AND RELATONS WITH US AND WITH LIBYA. FROM ALL APPEARANCES, VISIT PRODUCED NO DEVELOPMENTS OF SUBSTANCE.

2. IRAQI RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN MADE FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO ALGERIA JUNE 26-29, ACCOMPANIED BY RCC MEMBERS LT.GEN. SA'DUN GHAYDAN AND DR. IZZAT MUSTAPHA, FONMIN SHADHIL TAQAH, BAATHI LEADER TARIQ AZIZ AND FONMIN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ABD AL-WADUD ASH-SHAYKHLI. WE  
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UNDERSTAND THAT IRAQIS HAD BEEN PRESSING GOA FOR SOME

TIME TO RECEIVE HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION AND THAT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE HAD FINALLY AGREED, SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY, TO EXTEND INVITATION.

3. VISIT, AS REPORTED IN PRESS, BEGAN WITH MEETING OF TWO DELEGATIONS SHORTLY AFTER IRAQI ARRIVAL JUNE 26 FOLLOWED BY TWO AND A HALF-HOUR PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN BOUMEDIENE AND SADDAM JUNE 27. SADDAM THEN CANCELLED TOURISTIC TRIP JUNE 28 TO HAVE ADDITIONAL TWO-HOUR TETE-A-TETE WITH BOUMDEIENE. WE BELIEVE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED:

(A) MIDDLE EAST. BASED ON FACT THAT SADDAM LIMITED HIMSELF IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT TO EVOKING NECESSITY TO DEFEAT IMPERIALIST PLANS IN AREA, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT NEITHER SIDE INFLUENCED OUTLOOK OF THE OTHER ON THIS ISSUE.

(B) UNITED STATES. BOUMEDIENE TOLD EAGLETON DURING LATTER'S FAREWELL CALL THAT HE HAD URGED IRAQ TO IMPROVE REALTIONS WITH US.

(C) KURDISH PROBLEM. RAISED BY SADDAM IN TERMS OF ALGERIAN SUPPORT FOR IRAQI TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLICIES. BOUMEDIENE PROBABLY AGREED TO POLITICAL SUPPORT.

(D) THE GULF. RAISED BY SADDAM IN TERMS OF LIMITING "IMPERIALIST", NON-ARAB INFLUENCES. SADDAM SAID IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT PRESERVING ARAB CHARACTER OF GULF SHOULD BE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY BY ALL ARAB STATES.

(E) LIBYA. ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCE, SADDAM ASKED BOUMEDIENE WHETHER HE COULD CARRY ANY SORT OF ALGERIAN MESSAGE TO QADHAFI. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT BOUMEDIENE REPLIED BUT DOUBT HE WAS MUCH INTERESTED.

4. COMMENT. DESPITE EFFUSIVE PRESS TREATMENT, WE DOUBT THAT VISIT PRODUCED MUCH OF SUBSTANCE. COMMENTS OF SOME FOREIGN JOURNALISTS REGARDING "NEW ALGERIAN-IRAQI AXIS" APPEAR OVERDRAWN. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT IRAQI LEADERS WANTED TO REDUCE THEIR ISOLATION IN ARAB WORLD AND PERHAPS PROBE STRENGTH OF ALGERIAN COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL PROCESSES IN MIDDLE EAST.  
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BOUMEDIENE WENT ALONG TO EXTENT OF RE-ESTABLISHING TOP-LEVEL DIALOGUE AFTER BREAK OF SEVERAL MONTHS. IF ANYTHING, IRAQI EXPOSURE TO PRAGMATIC AS WELL AS REVOLUTIONARY SIDE OF ALGERIAN LEADERSHIP MAY HAVE SOME SALUTORY EFFECT ON FUTURE IRAQI ATTITUDES.  
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